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MY ROOTS and BRANCHES IN DEKALB COUNTY, INDIANA.

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John Ephraim Hilkey , A son of George and Barbara (Koltz) Hilkey was born on October 16th , 1816, in Frederick County, Maryland. When he was a small boy he moved with his parents to Ashland County, Ohio.

When John Ephraim grew to manhood he married Susanna Anthony on February 29, 1839,and became identified with Dekalb County, Indiana, in March of 1846 by locating near Spencerville, Indiana.

Notwithstanding that he passed the age which required him to perform military service, he enlisted in Company " L ", Second Indiana Cavalry as a private in October 1862 and served fourteen months . He was sent to Nashville, Tennessee, and on September 14, 1863, died of dysentery and is buried in the National Cemetery at Nashville, Tennessee.

Susanna ,his wife, survived him until October 16, 1875, and is buried in Dekalb County.

John Ephraim and Susanna had 11 children of which 7 were born in Dekalb County, Indiana.

The older 4 boy was born in Ohio were George W. in 1840 ; Frances in 1842 ; Amos in 1843 and Daniel in 1845. The 7 children born in Dekalb county, Indiana were:

Abraham and John E. (twins) in 1848 and died in infancy.

James A. on April 12, 1850

Benjamin Franklin. on November 5, 1851

Samuel H. on November 5, 1854

Mary E. on October 25, 1856

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Charles Bennett on July 3, 1859 and died at the age of 15.

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Of the 11 children, John Ephraim had three sons who also seved in the military .

George W Hilkey enlisted in 1862 in Co. D, 88th Ind. infantry, giving his age as 21,but was discharged for disability. After his recovery he re-enlisted at Indianapolis, Ind. in Co. H., 152nd Ind. V. I.

His final discharge was granted on september 4, 1865

Amos Hilkey enlisted on August 11, 1862, at Indianapolis, Indiana, as a Private in Co. D. 88th Ind. V. I. 1st Div., 14th A. C.. He received his Honorable Discharge on June 6, 1865.

Daniel Hilkey enlisted on November 5, 1864 as a Substitute Volunteer Enlistment, for William Shutt of Concord Township, Dekalb County, Indiana. He enlisted as a merger of the Co. E., 30th Ind. V. I.
for one year.

On November 5th, of 1865 Daniel was mustered out at Victoria, Texas, by reason of expiration of term of service.

Amos Hilkey Upon returning from the war, Amos entered employment on the Edmond W. Freeman's farm and soon after ,on December 24th, 1865, married Rosanna M. Freeman his daughter . He remained in the employment of Mr. Freeman for six years and then bought eighty acres of land on the same section (30), where he had a comfortable and happy home.

Upon retiring from farming Amos and Rosanna moved to Phillips St. in Auburn, Indiana. And on December 24, 1915 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Becoming the second Generation to use the Anniversary Plates .

Amos lived until September 27th, 1922, and Rosanna died on July 11, 1932.

The 11 children of Amos and Rosanna Hilkey all born in Dekalb County, Indiana are :

1) Edmond Morton Hilkey, was born on September 27, 1866, in Dekalb County, Indiana. He married Addie C. Lightcap also of Dekalb County on June 5, 1889.

Edmond and Addie had 3 children.Dale Harrison born on October 18, 1892;Herbert ; and Esther . After the death of Addie, he married Alta H. Votrie on March 9, 1901.

Edmond Morton Hilkey was a first Sergeant in Co. K, 157th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The Dekalb County Boys were mustered into the Service of the United States on May 10, 1898, for the Spanish-American war and was mustered out November 1st, 1898.

Edmond died on December 29, 1944, in Dalton, Ohio.

2) Martha Susanna Hilkey , was born on June 29, 1868, in Dekalb County, Indiana. She married Christopher C. Grimm, on December 24, 1891, in Dekalb County. They had 1 child Mary Gladys Grimm. Martha died on November 11, 1895, in Dekalb County, Indiana.

3) Daniel Burch Hilkey was born on February 27, 1871, He Never Married. As he died on November 11, 1875, in Dekalb County, Indiana.

4) Elmer Linas Hilkey, was born on April 23, 1873 and married Nina Feagler in September,1896. No children. He then married Ida A. Bowen on March 10, 1900. Then married Alma Floy Metcalf, on April 25, 1914, Alma died on September 11, 1967, in Dekalb County, Indiana.

Elmer Linas died on July 27, 1956, in Dekalb County, Indiana.

5) Mary Jane Hilkey was born on March 7, 1875. She married Calvin James Graves, on June 23, 1897, and died on April 6, 1939.

6) Howard Hayes Hilkey was born on August 5, 1876, in Dekalb, County Indiana. He married Emma Christina Bartels also of Dekalb County on August 3, 1898 Howard Hayes died on June 6, 1959 in Pontiac, Michigan. Emma Christina died on December 3, 1950, in Highland Park, Michigan.

7) Alvin Amos Hilkey was born on November 24, 1878. He never married as he died on August 1, 1880.

8) Bessie Adelia Hilkey was born on February 1, 1880 in Dekalb County. She never married as she died on January 8, 1893.

9) Jessie Orange Hilkey was born on October 16, 1881, in Dekalb County, Indiana. He married Ursula Nevada Balliet, on November 4, 1904,in Dekalb County, Indiana, They had 4 children; Harold Balliet Hilkey was born on November 5, 1905; Myrth Naomi Hilkey was born on March 23, 1907; Trent Verling Hilkey was born on April 20, 1909 Blaine Lamar Hilkey was born on July 19, 1911.

Jessie died on August 26, 1924, in Dekalb County, Indiana. Ursula Navada died on July 29, 1911,in Dekalb County, Indiana.

10) Edith Branch Hilkey was born on May 11, 1883 in Dekalb County, Indiana . She never married as she died on September 7, 1883, in Dekalb County, Indiana.

11) Francis Nelvin Hilkey was born on October 19, 1884, in Dekalb County, Indiana. He never married as he died on October 22, 1917, in Dekalb, County, Indiana

Daniel Hilkey , a son of John Ephraim and Susanna (Anthony) Hilkey was born on June 1, 1845 in Ashland county, Ohio.

Daniel enlisted on November 5, 1864 as a Substitute Volunteer Enlistment for William Shutt of Concord Township, Dekalb County, Indiana, He Enlisted as a merger of the Co. E., 30th Ind. V. I.for one year.

On November 5th, of 1865 Daniel was Mustered out at Victoria, Texas, by reason of expiration of term of service.

He married Eleanor Ann Bailey on February 2, 1868, in Auburn, Indiana. Eleanor Ann Bailey, a daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Margaret (Scott) Bailey was born on March 1, 1849, in Dekalb county, Indiana.

She died on July 17, 1917, in Aromas, California.

Daniel died on November 26, 1927, in Aromas, California.

Eleanor Ann Bailey, was born on March 1, 1849, in Dekalb county, Indiana. and She died on July 17, 1917, in Aromas, California.

Daniel and Eleanor Ann (Bailey) Hilkey had 7 children that were all born outside of Dekalb County.

1) Benjamin Frank Hilkey was born on November 3, 1868.
2) William Sherman Hilkey was born on December 19, 1869.
3) James Elmer Hilkey was born on April 15, 1877
4) John Anthony Hilkey was born on October 7, 1878
5) Daniel Irwin Hilkey was born on April 24, 1880.
6) Cora May Hilkey was born on June 3, 1882.
7) Walter Timins Hilkey was born on March 30, 1887.

Benjamin Franklin. Hilkey, a son of John Ephraim and Susanna (Anthony) Hilkey was born in Dekalb County on November 5, 1851. He married, Rose Ann Martin on December 25, 1872 Rose Ann Martin was also born in Dekalb County, on June 17, 1852, and is a daughter of Perry and Elizabeth (Watson) Martin.

Benjamin Franklin. died on March 10th, 1919, in Dekalb County and Rose Ann died on December 30, 1943, in Dekalb, County.

They had two children who were also born in Dekalb, County. Curtis E. Hilkey in 1884; Rose Blanch. on November 3, 1888

Samuel H. Hilkey, was born November 25, 1854 in Dekalb County, Indiana, and died March 30, 1930 in Dekalb County, Indiana. He married Louisa Katherine Frederickson April 18, 1875 in Dekalb County, Indiana, a daughter of Jacob M. Frederickson. She was born February 24, 1858 in Dekalb County, Indiana, and died January 11, 1924 in Dekalb County, Indiana.

Children of Samuel H. and Louisa Katherine are: Meda Hilkey; Frank Hilkey born in 1877; Rose A. Hilkey born on April 28, 1882

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Howard Hayes Hilkey, A son of Amos and Rosanna M. (Freeman) Hilkey, was born on August 5, 1876, in Dekalb County, Indiana. He married Emma Christina Bartels , a daughter of Frederick C. and Marie (Baack) Bartels, on August 3, 1898 in Auburn Indiana

Howard Hayes and Emma Christina (Bartels) Hilkey had 10 children : Mabel Delorise Hilkey born November 22, 1898, in Dekalb County, Indiana; Ferman Cecil Hilkey born on September 9, 1900, in Dekalb County; Hilda Florede Hilkey born March 27, 1905,in Dekalb County; Ethel Bowena Hilkey born November 2, 1907,in Dekalb County; A Baby born on November 14, 1910 and died 2 days later; Dorothy May Hilkey born on June 1,1912 in Dekalb County; Bessie Irene Hilkey born on August 7,1915 in Dekalb County; Eugene Bernerd Hilkey born on November 10, 1916 in Dekalb County ;Eveline M. Hilkey born on November 26, 1919 in Dekalb County.

Emma was born on March 7, 1880, in Dekalb county, Indiana. And she died on December 3, 1950, in Highland Park, Michigan.

Howard Hayes died on June 6, 1956, in Pontiac, Michigan.

Howard Hayes and Emma Christina (Bartels) Hilkey was the 3rd generation to celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, August 3, 1948, in Dekalb County and to use " the Anniversary Plates "

Ferman Cecil Hilkey, Sr. a son of Howard Hayes and Emma Christina (Bartels) Hilkey, was born on September 9, 1900, in Dekalb County ,Auburn, Indiana.

He married Vera Estella Buss, on June 18, 1921, in Auburn, Indiana.

Vera Estella Buss, a daughter of Isaac Henry and Effle Pearl (Imhoff) Buss was born on March 4, 1900, in Dekalb County, Indiana and died on July 23, 1988 in Auburn, Indiana.

Ferman's education consisted of attending No. 9 Jackson Township School and Harrison High School in Auburn.

Ferman Cecil and Vera Estella (Buss) Hilkey had 4 children ;

1) Ferman Cecil Hilkey, Jr. was born in Highland Park, Michigan on March 5, 1957 and died on April 29, 1998 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

2) Garcile Virgina Hilkey , was born on September 29, 1929, in Auburn, Indiana. She attended and graduated from Waterloo High School in Waterloo, Indiana.

Garcil married Max John Fee November 15, 1947 in Waterloo,Indiana .

Max John a son of Earl and Hazel (Stoy) Fee, was born on January 29, 1927 in Waterloo, Indiana and died on December 2, 2000, in Auburn, Indiana.

3) Richard Eugene Hilkey, was born on October 13, 1931 in Dekalb County, Auburn, Indiana.

While attending Waterloo High School ,on July 10, 1950, Richard Eugene , enlisted in The United States Air Force . and He received his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. and his Aircraft and Engine Mechanic training at Cal-Aero Technical Institute, at Grand Central Air Terminal, Glendale, Los Angeles County, California.

He was then stationed at March Air Force Base at Riverside, California,

In October of 1952 Richard married Marilyn Lou Darby, a daughter of Charles Howard and Iva M. (Shammel) Darby, she was born on September 20, 1933 in Butler, Indiana.

Marilyn graduated from Butler High School in 1951. Then attended Hanover Collage before traveling to California to married Richard Eugene on October 25, 1952 . They were married on the Base and remain at March Air Force Base until his Honorable Discharge in July of 1954.

After his discharge Marilyn and Richard returned to Dekalb County , Indiana, until 1959.At which time they moved to Michigan,and retured to Dekalb County in 1977,from Key West.

Two of their three children were born in Dekalb County, Indiana.

1) Leslie Corinne Hilkey ,Was born on March 27, 1955
and married Craig Dennis Crowe of Madison Hts. Michigan on March 31, 1978

They have 3 children of which one was born in Dekalb County, Indiana.

2) Kevin Eugene Hilkey, was born on March 27,1957 and married Kathy Sue Dunn, of Paducah, Kentucky on September 16, 1985

3) Sara Beth Hilkey the youngest daughter was born in Royal Oak, Michigan on August 30, 1966 . She married Joseph James Millspaugh,Sr. a son of Robert Emerson and Willidene Ruth (Crowl) Millspaugh, of Dekalb County

Two of their three children were born in Dekalb County, Indiana.

1). Joseph James Millspaugh,Jr. (J.J.) was born in 1983,

2) Jessica Annemarie Millspaugh was born in 1990.

3) The youngest Jacob Alexander Millspaugh being born in Allen County, Indiana, in 1996.

The 5th generation to use the plates on their Golden Wedding was Richard Eugene and Marilyn Lou (Darby) Hilkey of Auburn ,on October 25, 2002.

THE FOUR GENERATIONS OF HILKEYS

Amos amd Rosanna M. (Freeman) Hilkey December 24, 1915

Howard Hayes and Emma Christian (Bartels) Hilkey August 3, 1948

Ferman Cecil and Vera Estella (Buss) Hilkey June 18, 1971

Richard Eugene and Marilyn Lou (Darby) Hilkey October 25, 2002

The plates pictured here are referred to by the Hilkey family as " The Anniversary Plates ". They were part of a set of dishes used by Martha (Dancer) Freeman, the mother of Rosanna M. (Freeman) Hilkey.

Martha (Dancer) and Edmund Freeman were married on September 14, 1832, and celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their farm in Dekalb County, in 1882. They were the first generation to use the plates on their Golden Anniversary.

Four generations of Hilkeys ,all of Dekalb County, used the plates on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

After Rosanna M. (Freeman) Hilkey was married, the plates were passed on to her . Rosanna and Amos Hilkey used the plates on December 24, 1915; the 2nd generation to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Howard Hayes and Emma Christian (Bartels) Hilkey, was the 3rd generation to use the plates on August 3,1948, in Waterloo, Indiana.

The 4th generation to celebrate their Golden Wedding and use the plates was Ferman Cecil and Vera Estella (Buss) Hilkey on June 18th,1971, in Auburn Indiana.